THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI. VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b): A Memorandum of Settlement was signed between the Management of National Projects Construction Corporation Limited and All India National Projects Construction Corporation Limited Employees Federation on 22nd March, 1991. The important features of the Settlement are re-instatement of retrenched and terminated workmen up to the end of September, 1991; re-instatement of workmen of Totladoh Unit from the date of their termination; review on merit of the cases of workmen dismissed on disciplinary grounds; to initiate negotiations for wage settlement effective for a period of 8 years from January, 1987 to December, 1994 and withdrawal of pending cases before Labour Authorities/Courts/Industrial Tribunals. Most of the clauses of the settlement are scheduled for implementation by 30th September, 1991.

[*English*]

Priority to Persons Registered under OYT Category for Telephone Connections.

6794. SHRI. GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to give priority to applicants for telephone connections registered under OYT category;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of connections to be sanctioned to applicants registered under non-OYT category during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI. RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b): At the time of bulk capacity releases, out of the 3 categories of registrants, people registered under OYT category get a higher percentage of release as per the scheme.

(c) About 4 lakh new connections under Non-OYT category are expected to be released during the current year.

Haj Pilgrimage

6795. SHRI. SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
SHRI. T.J. ANJALOSE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for Haj pilgrimage received from each State during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of Haj Pilgrims by air, sea and ports of exit during the above period year-wise;

(c) the catchment area for each port of exit and the State-wise break up of pilgrims for each of them;

(d) whether there is any plan for fixing quota for those States where the demand for Haj Pilgrimage is high;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the State-wise representation in the existing Haj Committee;

(g) the present status of the proposed amendments to the Haj committee Act as approved by the Central Haj Advisory Board;

(h) the present composition of the Board and the date of its last meeting; and

(i) the steps taken by the Government for providing more facilities to Haj Pilgrims?